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Corps turns 229

Depot shows off 229 years of tradition

BY MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR
Public Affairs Chief

More than 5,000 Marines, recruits, sailors and civilians celebrated the 229th birthday of the Marine Corps during a uniform pageant and cake-cutting ceremony at Shepherd Field Nov. 10.

The guest of honor for the ceremony was retired Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, who commanded Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in December 1959. Lt. Gen. Krulak, father of Gen. Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps, served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The ceremony began with the traditional reading of Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune's birthday message, written in 1921, as well as birthday messages from the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr.

Following the messages, Marines stepped back in time with a period uniform pageant. Recruits in the grandstands received the ultimate history lesson as Marines and sailors marched onto the drill field wearing uniforms from the Revolutionary War to present day woodland and desert digital camouflage utilities. A history rundown from each time period was read and Marine Band San Diego played music from the era as the presenters stood tall before the crowd.

After the pageant, Marines rolled the traditional Marine Corps birthday cake to Shepherd Pavilion as the band slowly played the Marines' Hymn. Brig. Gen. Paxton cut the cake and presented the first piece to Lt. Gen. Krulak, who was also the oldest Marine present. After taking a bite, Lt. Gen. Krulak passed a piece to the youngest Marine present, Pfc. Marcos A. Peralez, who was born May 14, 1986, and enlisted in the Marine Corps July 19. Only 26 days as a Marine, Peralez said afterward that he liked being a part of something formal, and he was honored to be noticed as the youngest Marine.

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Retired Master Sgt. Edward J. Moore celebrated his 64th Marine Corps birthday here. He graduated recruit training in 1941 and was the first Marine to hit the beach of Tarawa during World War II. Moore recalls joking with friends about celebrating his 64th birthday where he began his career. Now his joke is a reality. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

CMC's cake-cutting ceremony well received

BY STAFF SGT. CINDY FISHER
Headquarters Marine Corps

One young Marine with Headquarters Marine Corps received an unexpected present for the Marine Corps' 229th birthday.

Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Still Jr., an administrative clerk with Headquarters Battalion, was the youngest Marine present at Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael W. Hagee's birthday cake cutting ceremony Nov. 4 at the Pentagon.

A central component of the cake cutting ceremony is the passing of a piece of the cake from the oldest Marine present to the youngest Marine, symbolizing the continuation of the Corps history and traditions to the next generation.

"It was just the luck of the draw that I was the one picked," said Still, who was born Sept. 19, 1985. Before the cake cutting, Gen. Hagee praised Marines past and present for their contributions to the Corps.

"This is the time to thank the Marines who went before us," for creating a heroic legacy to pass on to present-day Marines, the commandant said. "And we need to thank those young Marines who are out and about today in Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti ... for what they are doing to uphold our traditions."

Marines in the Washington-area and those at bases and stations around the Corps also need to be thanked for their continued support of forward-deployed Marines, the Commandant said. "You have done a superb and important job."

The general wasn't the only one to
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The birds of paradise circling the Pendleton Hall terrace where the command holds its Friday morning Colors ceremonies have “gone south” for autumn. When the flowers die this time of year, Shaun Yuen (bottom right) and other landscapers with the ARC of San Diego tend to them by plucking the dead stalks. The workers are mentally disabled, but they work independently, according to landscaping crew leader Greg Jekobovich. Arc landscapers have tended to the depot grounds for more than three years. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron photos



Campaigning continues

Results progressing after 8 weeks; RS San Diego stands out

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

The depot and Western Recruiting Region are making progress in the eighth week of the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign.

The campaign, which began Sept. 20, serves as a way for military personnel to donate money, through direct deposit or check, to charitable organizations around the globe.

According to a written statement from CFC officials, the campaign is “the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. Federal employees created the CFC – one campaign, once a year. In

2003, Federal employees across the country raised more than \$249 million for charitable causes.”

So far, Recruit Training Regiment has donated the most money with \$65,779 and Recruiting Station San Diego has almost 75 percent of its people contributing. The donations are from RTR personnel and the recruits here. Marine Corps Community Services has raised more than \$10,000, and Human Resources Office has raised more than \$7,000. With about five weeks to go, the combined total is \$94,433.14. Last year, the total combined donation was \$412,322.

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“CFC is great because it’s a chance for military personnel to give to a worthy cause,” said Capt. Frank Zamora, assistant depot inspector. “The fact that you get to choose who the money goes to is also good. All of the charities are screened so you can be sure your money goes to the right place.”

The campaign ends Dec. 15, and donations are accepted up to that day.

Combined Federal Campaign



	2004 CFC funds as of Nov. 12			2003 CFC	
	Donations	Personnel	Participation	Mid-Nov.	Finish
Recruiting Station San Diego	\$3,700	99	74.7%	\$1,405	\$1,405
Marine Corps Community Services	\$10,761.02	266	36.8%	\$9,291.70	\$22,289
12th Marine Corps District	\$2,699	83	24.1%	\$1,608	\$6,913
Recruit Training Regiment*	\$65,779	6,627	21.8%	\$88,573.20	\$341,277
Human Resources Office	\$7,504.12	212	15.1%	\$8,363.02	\$14,072
Headquarters and Service Bn.	\$3,990	475	7.8%	\$22,760	\$26,366
TOTAL	\$94,433.14	7,762	21.9%	\$132,000.92	\$412,322

*Includes recruit participation

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sing the Corps’ praises.

Marines epitomize the courage needed to defend and protect our country, said Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England, the guest of honor at the ceremony. “Marines have done that for 229 years so that people like me can enjoy our freedom and liberty.” “It’s a great day to be the Secretary of the Marine Corps,” said the Honorable Mr. England who received the first piece of cake.

As the oldest Marine present, retired Col. Harvey M. Barnum, who was born July 21, 1940, had the next piece of cake. Barnum, the deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs, joined the Corps in 1962 and earned the Medal of Honor as a first lieutenant in Vietnam in 1965.

Headquarters Bn. sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. R.L. Watkins, presented Still with a piece of cake.

Still said this is going to be his most memorable birthday celebration. Still, who enlisted Aug. 23, 2003, was also part of the cake cutting ceremony for the Headquarters Battalion enlisted ball Nov. 7.



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael W. Hagee cuts the cake at the 229th Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting ceremony at the Pentagon Nov. 4. Sgt. Christopher Tirado/HQMC

High schoolers share new Corps view

In October, seven students visited the depot from James Campbell High School, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, to participate in the Exploring the Marines program. After learning about the Corps, the students received assignments to describe their experiences.

A change of perception

I have a half a year before I graduate high school, and life has dealt me a handful of choices and opportunities to pursue thereafter. Choices, choices, choices. What to do and where to go? Do I go to college or do I join the armed forces? And what branch do I choose? It seems as though there are too many choices to make and not enough time to make them.

Before going on this tour, I had never dreamed I’d want to pursue a career within the Marine Corps. I never dreamed I’d be joining the ranks of the few and the proud. Believe it or not, I wanted to “Cross into the Blue” and join the Air Force. Who could have known that this tour would impact my life so much and change my life.

I guess I believed the stereotype of the Marines being more physical than intellectual. However, this tour changed my perceptions and proved those stereotypes to be totally wrong. Being able to tour different military occupational specialties that require a high level of intellectual thinking, not just physical ability, really opened my eyes to a whole new world. I especially found the Consolidated Public Affairs Office at Miramar fascinating. After visiting the CPAO at Miramar, I knew that becoming a combat correspondent was the MOS for me. Being able to tour the department allowed me to gain a better perspective on what I need to do to prepare for the job.

Being able to talk to different Marines at different bases, in different MOSs and at different stages of their careers really

opened my eyes to the Marine Corps. I was able to see and feel the honor, courage and commitment that each of them felt for the Corps and their country. I felt it first hand at the emblem ceremony, one of the culminating events of recruit training. The emotion and pride that each new Marine and their families felt sent a chill up my spine. This is something that I want to experience for myself, and I can’t wait to join the ranks of this elite force.

I am glad that I took advantage of this great learning opportunity because by going on this tour I was able to accomplish a lot. I was able to clear up a lot of misconceptions about the Marines, gain valuable knowledge about my future MOS, as well as develop a sense of direction for my future.

— Alison Suguitan
James Campbell High School,
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

An eye opening experience

Eight months seems like a long time, but in reality, it really isn’t. I guess that’s why I have embarked on a mission to take advantage of opportunities that will help to make the remainder of my high school career memorable. The trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar was one of those worthwhile adventures.

Little did I know that when I stepped up to the plate to take part in this unique learning experience, I’d not only come out with a better understanding of the missions and goals of the elite force, gain media field experience, but also a deeper respect for all of the men and women in uniform who serve our country and defend our freedom.

I feel blessed to have participated in unique hands-on learning experiences, gained new knowledge, a changed percep-

tion and wise pieces of advice. “Everything is what you make it,” said John Guzman, a 2004 James Campbell graduate who is several weeks away from graduating from Marine Corps recruit training.

“Understand that life is short, so you must live everyday as if it’s your last,” said G.I. Smith, an FA-18 pilot at Miramar.

These words have been embedded in my mind, and I will try to live by them.

This tour opened my eyes, as well as the other tour participants’ eyes, and has taught me to look beyond the stereotypes. I would encourage all junior and senior high school students to take part in this tour and experience for yourself because you’ll be amazed at what you can learn in a mere nine days.

The Marines are not for everyone, but for those who do choose to accept the challenge and proudly wear the eagle, globe and anchor, I will forever be grateful to you and respect you for what you do so I can live my life in freedom.

— Chantal Moncrease
James Campbell High School,
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Nothing is impossible

If anyone were to tell me that I would have a life-changing experience in nine days, I probably wouldn’t believe him or her. I used to think that it was impossible for one event to be life altering, but after attending a Marine Corps Recruit Depot tour in San Diego, I realized that it is possible.

From the moment we kicked off our tour, I knew the tour would affect me mentally, physically and personally. I just had no idea how big of an effect it would be. Coming into this tour, I didn’t have a clue on what I wanted to do with my life after high school, and I lacked the discipline needed to buckle down and find out what

I truly wanted to do. Little did I know that these nine days of touring would give me the tools and information needed to put me on track.

What brought the whole tour experience together for me was being able to see both sides of the United States Marine Corps. Being able to see parts of the transformation process from civilian to Marine, and various military occupational specialties available, was truly an enlightening experience.

The Boot Camp Challenge was a great learning experience and it gave me a taste of what recruits go through during their 12-week boot camp. Running three miles with drill instructors yelling in your face while maneuvering over, under and through obstacles was truly a heart pounding experience. I felt good after completing the race and a sense of accomplishment.

Touring Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and taking part in job shadowing at the legal offices and being able to speak with various enlisted and commissioned Marines in different stages of their careers there helped me realize that I want to become a lawyer. I learned that there are a variety of job opportunities available to me and I am fascinated.

I am determined more than ever now to reach my goal of becoming a lawyer thanks to the MCRD San Diego and MCAS Miramar tour and James Campbell High School’s “Exploring the Marine Corps Program.” I would personally like to thank the Marines and recruits aboard MCRD and MCAS Miramar who helped me to find my direction in life. You have truly made this trip a life changing one for me. If there is one thing that I’ve learned from this tour, it is nothing is impossible.

— Dwight Melton Jr.
James Campbell High School,
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Former grunt rehashes love for infantry



BY SGT. ROBERT M. STORM
Press chief, The Scout

There are so many different aspects of the job: training, the field, combat. During each of these times, the job varies. I could explain each of these

experiences at great length and detail but as with many experiences, words don’t adequately express what it means to be a grunt. But I’ll try to give you a picture anyway.

Training: Four words sum this experience up: “Any clime and place.” This means you go complete a Combined Arms Exercise at Twentynine Palms, Calif., in 100-degree plus heat, or a cold-weather package at Bridgeport, Calif., in negative 14-degree weather with 40 mph winds. Spending a month in Jordan to cross-train with the Jordanian military or carrying out a range on Guam in the pouring rain are just other ways to use our time. Sitting eight hours in the back of an AAV sucking diesel fumes and getting a headache while being jostled worse than any roller coaster I’ve ever been on. Even when we’re not doing ranges, we stay busy with endless classes on radios,

Marine Corps martial arts program, close-quarters battle, first aid, crew-served weapons and nuclear, biological and chemical training, all so that we can deal with problems quickly, cleanly, decisively and with swift violence when necessary.

The Field: Next I’ll move to the field, where the motto is, “If it ain’t raining, you ain’t training.” This aspect probably wouldn’t be that bad except that contrary to popular belief, we rarely use tents. You will also eat the best meals of your life as a grunt. I’m not joking either because believe me when I tell you that the meal you eat after spending four months eating Meals Ready to Eat will be the best meal of your entire life no matter what it is. The MRE you eat after a day of patrolling or a 12-mile hike with an 80-pound pack will taste pretty good too.

Combat: It’s a lot easier than training. After all, it’s pretty easy to get shot at. Most of the time combat is boring, waiting for something to happen followed by a few quick minutes of excitement. In those hours of doing nothing, you try not to think of everything you miss back home. Playing cards passes the time and if you don’t know how to play, don’t worry

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because you’ll learn, with spades, hearts and rummy being the most popular games. In the meantime, you’ll run endless patrols and search house-to-house all day long. You’ll crawl through an Iraqi sewer and climb to the roofs of many buildings so you can clear from the top down. After exhausting yourself all day, you’ll dig a fighting trench so that you can bed down for the night. In the interest of speed you make this hole just big enough for you and your partner so that you can get as much sleep as possible, since during war you’re usually at 50 percent firewatch. This results in closeness with your fellow grunts that I don’t even share with my wife at home.

Despite all these occurrences, there are fun times; the joy of blowing up a bus on a demo range, fast roping out of a helicopter, conducting a live fire range at night with just tracers. The camaraderie you feel with fellow grunts as you complete a mission and bed down for the night underneath the stars. These are the parts of the job that make what it means to be a grunt.

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Minutes from the Single Marine Program meeting

The Single Marine Program meets semimonthly to create activities and opportunities for the single Marines, sailors and geographical bachelors at the depot. For more information or to make recommendations, contact coordinator Britney O'Connor at ocomorbe@usmc-mccs.org or at (619) 524-8240.

• The depot's SMP will compete against West Coast Marine Corps bases and some Navy bases in the 3rd annual West Coast Paintball Persecution Nov. 20 at Mr. Paintball in Escondido Park. Action goes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs \$25. Each five-man team, plus one alternate, can have a maximum of one civilian. Organizers need to tally those who are interested and those who have equipment. Teams need to register and pay by Monday: \$25 for single Marines, \$35 for married Marines and \$55 for civilians.

Depot blood drive and safety stand down

There will be a blood drive and safety stand-down Nov. 23 at McDougall Hall. The blood drive starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program

One-day workshops for the PREP program Fiscal 2005 are available every other month (Dec. 1, Feb. 16, April 27, June 22, Aug. 24) Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center, Bldg. 111.

PREP teaches couples how to communicate effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship, as well as solve problems and manage disagreements. Active duty members and their spouses or fiancés, as well

as civilian depot employees, are invited to attend. Priority will be given to active duty members and their spouses or fiancés.

Space is limited, and child care is available. Please sign up no later than one week before a workshop.

For more information, call the Family Team Building office at (619) 524-0916 or (888) 718-3027.

Bible study opportunities

The Headquarter and Service Battalion Bible study, Hearers and Doers, is open to all H & S personnel, both active duty and civilian, including Recruiters School personnel and students. The group meets from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays in the H & S Bn. Headquarters classroom, Building 15. The group is currently reading and discussing the book, "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren. Come as you are. Please call the battalion chaplain for further details including information about acquiring Warren's book.

Officers' Christian Fellowship is available to all depot officers Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. The group meets for about an hour in the Headquarters Company classroom in Building 6W. The meeting ends so that those involved in Friday Morning Colors are able to make it to the ceremony on time. The group study is currently focused on the book "Your Work Matters to God," by Doug Sherman and William Hendricks. Interested officers can join the study at any point in time whether or not they are familiar with or have been reading the subject book. Please give Lt. Col. Scott McLennan, executive officer, H & S Bn., a call at (619) 524-1980 for further details including information about acquiring the book.

Military holiday program

Churches, individuals, and organiza-

tions donate toys, games, books, and clothes for military children up to age 15. All active duty military families in San Diego County from pay grade E-1 to E-5 qualify fro the program, but space is limited to the first 1,000 families to sign up online at www.militaryholiday.org/sd. For more information, call (877) 895-5942 ext. 4

Toys for Tots

Each year the Marine Corps Reserve fulfills the Christmas dreams of millions of the nation's neediest children. Sadly, gifts always run out long before we run out of children. Please help your fellow Marines, who conduct the annual Toys for Tots Program, by donating to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

Sportsman's Club

The Sportsman's Club of Camp Pendleton, Calif., is now open to depot personnel, active duty, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense employees. The club promotes and enriches hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Officials hold club meetings the second Tuesday of every month at Building 25264 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton at 6:30 p.m. For more information, check out the club Web site at <http://thesportsmansclub.netfirms.com> or call Master Sgt. John Cullen at (760) 725-7537. E-mail him at cullenjr@pendleton.usmc.mil.

Photo contest

The deadline for the 43rd Annual Naval and Maritime Photo Contest is Dec. 31. The contest, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, recognizes outstanding photographers for their work on a naval or maritime theme.

Photos must be of a naval or nautical subject, not limited to calendar year

of contest. Winning photographs have ranged from a dory at Mystic Seaport to Marines on ship.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Winning photographs will be published in the April 2005 issue of Proceedings magazine.

Winners will also receive a one-year membership in the Naval Institute, and the following cash prizes: First place: \$500, second place: \$350, third place: \$250, honorable mentions: \$100 (15 awards).

Go to www.navalinstitute.org and select "Contests" on the site map for complete contest rules.

Leaders requested to promote climate survey

The Marine Corps Climate Survey is a Marine Corps-wide survey that measures perceptions of organization and command climate, as well as experiences of discrimination and sexual harassment. The survey is sponsored by the Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch, Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

The success of efforts in evaluating these areas depends on the individual Marine, regardless of rank, ethnicity or gender.

Approximately 11,000 active duty Marines and 9,000 Marine reservists have been randomly selected to participate in the survey. For the data to be valid, it is important that those Marines complete and return it.

Responses to the survey will be analyzed for differences among ethnic groups, between male and female Marines and between officers and enlisted personnel.

Leaders at all levels are asked to support this effort by encouraging those Marines randomly selected to participate and complete the survey. The survey addresses important issues that affect all Marines, and their quick response will ensure their opinions are reflected in the findings.

Mexico border area liberty policy violation update

The San Diego Police Department routinely conducts Operation Safe Crossing with the help of various local law enforcement agencies. Operation Safe Crossing is designed to deter underage drinking in Tijuana, Mexico.

All military personnel without their armed forces identification cards will be denied entry into Mexico.

San Diego police will arrest any people regardless of age coming back from Tijuana, who are too intoxicated to take care of themselves. Commander Navy Region Southwest Border Shore Patrol will maintain a visual presence and assist SDDP upon request in handling or taking custody of any military personnel.

Mexico liberty policies

Marine Corps Regional Order 1050 requires that all Marines E-3 and below have an out of bounds chit to go to Mexico. Regional order 1050 applies to all Marine personnel E-3 and below assigned here.

For more information, senior enlisted personnel and officers may contact Mac Celso Rubalcaba via e-mail at rubalcaba.celso@otc.cnrsw.navy.mil or (619) 428-2427/1318.

'You're scared to death, but once you make it, it's a great sense of accomplishment and a rush.'

— SGT. DAVID L. WALTER, rock climber



Sgt. David L. Walter, Service Company training noncommissioned officer rock climbs a boulder in Santee on his off time as an outlet and to brush up on his skills. Sgt. Len Langston/Chevron photos

Marine at an apex

NCO gets into rock climbing after mountain warfare training in Bridgeport

BY SGT. LEN LANGSTON
Chevron staff

Hiking across 5.2 miles of mountain terrain with a 63-pound pack and a rifle in a time limit of 85 minutes was a requirement Sgt. David L. Walter accomplished to earn a spot at the Summer Mountain Leaders Course at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif.

The demanding course sparked Walter to immerse himself into the sport of rock climbing and persuade others to do the same.

Walter, the training noncommissioned officer and administration clerk for Service Company, has embarked on a trek to free himself of the stresses of the Marine Corps, at least for a moment's time, when he's contorting his 5-foot-11-inch lanky body around a boulder or cliff to "top out."

The rewards of "topping out," which means reaching the top, is an adrenaline rush, according to Walter.

"You're scared to death, but once you make it, it's a great sense of accomplishment and a rush," said Walter.

Perched 30 feet off a boulder with nothing but countless hours of climbing techniques, rubber sole shoes, a chalk pouch and a strong grip, Walter doesn't spend time being scared of heights—not anymore at least.

"I used to climb trees when I was a kid. I wasn't super scared, but I used to freeze up climbing trees," Walter said.

Freezing up was not an option when Walter was 200 feet up a cliff roped in with another climber, leap-frogging to the top.

The Mountain Leaders Course helped Walter overcome his fear of heights.

"It takes such focus and all you're thinking about is the rock and that next move," Walter said.

Walter tries to get Marines involved in rock climbing and he leads a group at a local rock gym.

"He's a very good teacher," said Lance Cpl. Jared M. Padula, combat photographer, Combat Visual Information Center. "Without his instruction, I would not have made it too far, and I think I'm in good shape. Seeing him contort his body like that makes it look feasible. He has a rhythm when going up the rock."

Since completing the course, Walter has found his passion in conquering new peaks.

"I'm just having fun with it and I'm enjoying meeting new people as well as keeping up with my abilities for training," said Walter.

Walter tries to climb three to four times a week, either in the gym or outdoors, but he admits it's difficult to squeeze the time in with the added hobbies he enjoys.

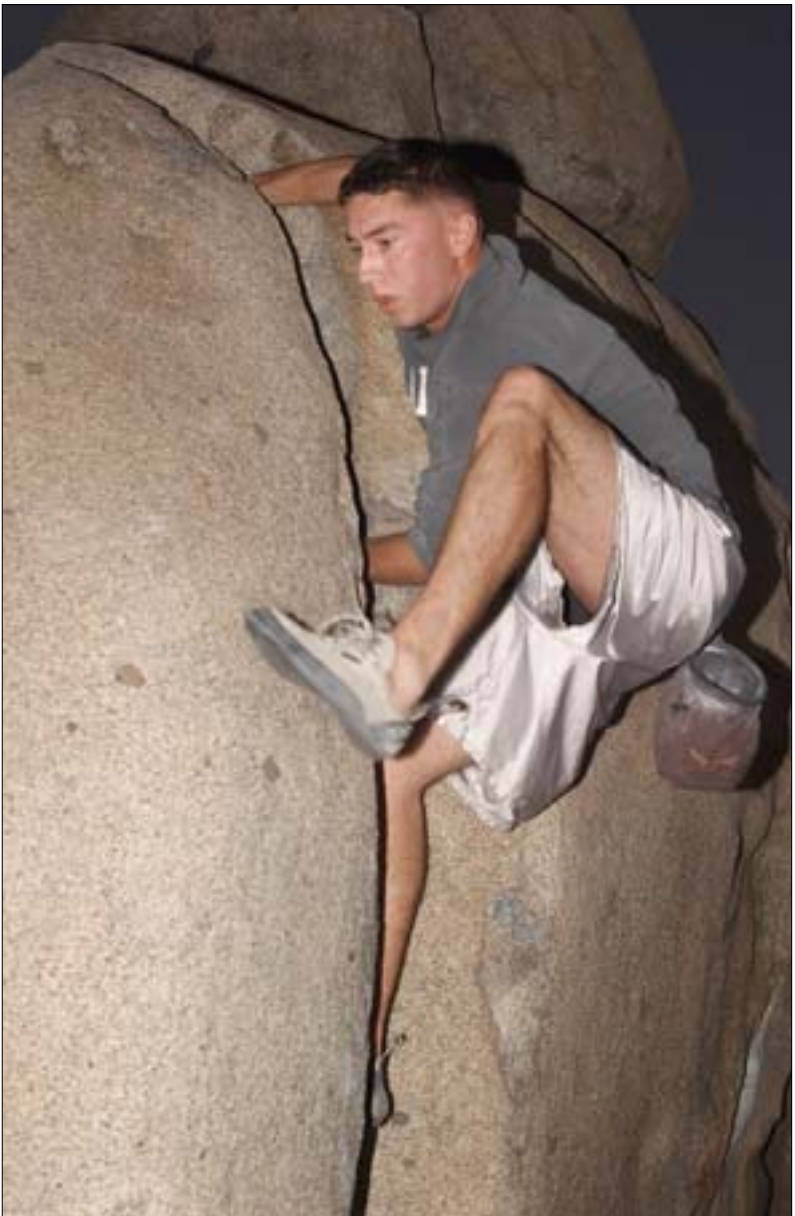
Walter is also a singer and songwriter. He performs at local venues. Walter is also a certified scuba diver, but he said he enjoys rock climbing the most.

"I have all the knowledge, but now I just lack the more advanced skills to climb," said Walter.

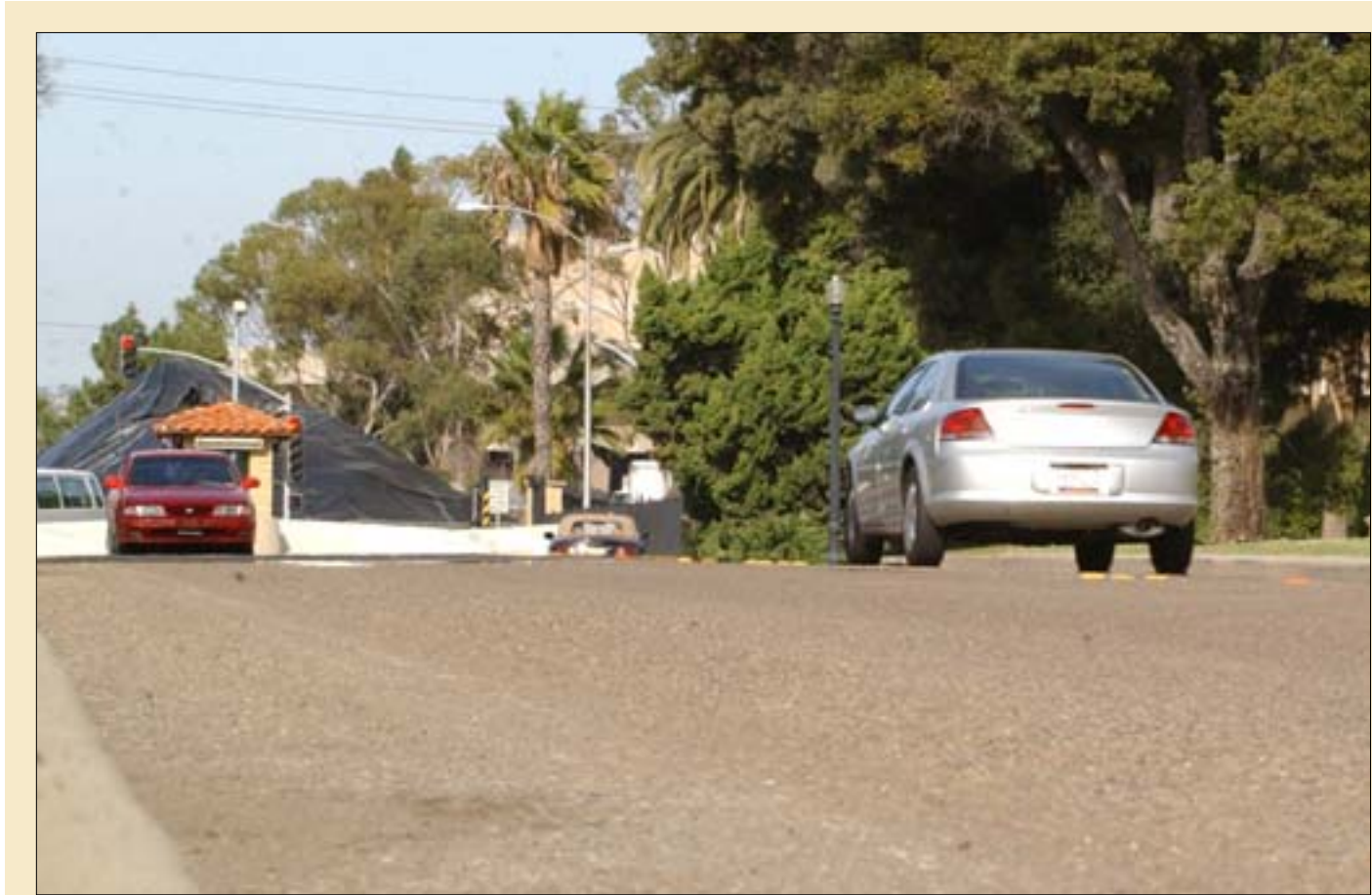
When Walter leaves the depot, he will advise infantry units in mountain terrain environments, maintain all assault climbers' equipment and train assault climbers.

Motivated and pumped with the experience and training he learned at Bridgeport, Walter said he wants to return as an assault climber instructor or transfer to an infantry unit and deploy to Afghanistan to become an advisor.

"I'm a challenge-oriented person and rock climbing is the perfect sport," said Walter. "It just clicks with me."



Walter uses the cracks in the boulder to brace himself and maneuver up the face of the rock. This is Walter's favorite technique.



SLOW DOWN
Brigadier Gen. John M. Paxton Jr, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, warns against speeding on the depot — especially on Henderson Ave., which leads to Gate 2. The posted speed limit is 20 mph, and the depot military police will take appropriate action against all speeders. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Retired Lt. Gen Victor Krulak passes the second slice of birthday cake to Pfc. M. Peralez, Basic Marine Platoon. Peralez was the youngest Marine at the ceremony.

‘... and I wish you 229 more.’

— BRIG. GEN. JOHN M. PAXTON JR.,
Depot and region commanding general

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The tradition of the oldest Marine passing the cake to the youngest Marine symbolizes the passing of history and traditions to the next generation.
“The Marine Corps birthday is always an occasion for three reasons to pause,” said Brig. Gen. Paxton. “It’s a time to reflect on the past, to celebrate the present and recommit ourselves to the future. It’s a time to remember those who have gone before us and have given the ultimate sacrifice. We follow in their footsteps – the footsteps they carved.”
Brig. Gen. Paxton also had a special

message for the recruits at the ceremony.
“You won’t remember me, and you may not remember this pageant. But you should never forget you celebrated your first Marine Corps birthday here, and you should never forget what you are about to embark upon.”
After the ceremony, Duncan Hall featured the traditional holiday feast of steak, lobster and birthday cake for depot Marines, sailors and civilians. The meal was a time for everyone to share a little camaraderie and reflect on the past by sharing sea stories of career days gone by.



Retired Lt. Gen Victor Krulak speaks with local TV reporter Dan Plant after the ceremony. Lt. Gen Krulak was the guest of honor for the ceremony.



Depot Marines wheel the cake to Shepherd Pavillion for the Marine Corps birthday cake-cutting ceremony. Retired Lt. Gen. Victor Krulak was the oldest Marine in attendance. Traditionally, the oldest Marine passes a piece of cake to the youngest Marine present. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos



Lance Cpl. Nick Galvin, a combat photographer here, portrays a colonial Marine at the uniform pageant.



Recruits gathered to watch the customs and traditions of a Marine Corps birthday celebration during the depot’s birthday cake-cutting ceremony and uniform pageant Nov. 10.

**THIS MONTH
IN HISTORY**



*November dates
of Marine Corps
historical significance*

Nov. 1, 1983

Three hundred Marines of the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou 15 miles northeast of Grenada in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. Seventeen Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day, the 22nd MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon, to replace the 24th MAU.

Nov. 10, 1921

The first formal commemoration of the Marine Corps birthday was recognized. On Oct. 21, 1921, Maj. Edwin McClellan, historical section officer-in-charge at Headquarters Marine Corps, sent a memo to Commandant Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of November 10, 1775, be declared a Marine Corps holiday throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on Nov. 1, 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and it is read to every command each Nov. 10.

Nov. 13, 1982

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated at the memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a weeklong National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

Nov. 20, 1943

The 2nd Marine Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After 76 hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, Maj. Gen. Smith declared the island secure.

Nov. 24, 1992

Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

Nov. 25, 1968

The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy fighters were killed, 42 were captured, and 913 weapons were seized during the operation.

Nov. 27, 1950

In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack that had the destruction of the 1st Marine Division as its expressed purpose. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division

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& TRADITIONS**

A BRIEF HISTORY

On Nov. 10, 1775, the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that “two Battalions of Marines be raised” for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the U.S. Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March, 1776, under the command of Capt. Samuel Nicholas. Nicholas, the first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines, remained the senior Marine officer throughout the American Revolution and is considered to be the first Marine Commandant. The Treaty of Paris in 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy’s ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence.

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal re-establishment of the Marine Corps in 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the shores of Tripoli. Marines participated in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812, as well as participating in the defense of Washington at Bladensburg, Maryland, and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the defeat of the British at New Orleans. The decades following the War of 1812 saw the Marines protecting American interests around the world in the Caribbean, at the Falkland Islands, Sumatra and off the coast of West Africa, and also close to home in the operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida.

During the Mexican War (1846-1848), Marines seized enemy seaports on both the Gulf and Pacific coasts. A battalion of Marines joined General Scott’s army at Pueblo and fought all the way to the “Halls of Montezuma,” Mexico City. Marines also served ashore and afloat in the Civil War (1861-1865). Although most service was with the Navy, a battalion fought at Bull Run and other units saw action with the blockading squadrons and at Cape Hatteras, New Orleans, Charleston, and Fort Fisher. The last third of the 19th century saw Marines making numerous landings throughout the world, especially in the Orient and in the Caribbean area.

Following the Spanish-American War (1898), in which Marines performed with valor in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines, the Corps entered an era of expansion and professional development. It saw active service in the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902), the Boxer Rebellion in China (1900), and in numerous other nations, including Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba, Mexico, and Haiti.

In World War I, the Marine Corps distinguished itself on the battlefields of France as the 4th Marine Brigade earned the title of “Devil Dogs” for heroic action during 1918 at Belleau Wood, Soissons, St. Michiel, Blanc Mont, and in the final Meuse-Argonne offensive. Marine aviation, which dates from 1912, also played a part in the war effort, as Marine pilots flew day bomber missions over France and Belgium. More than 30,000 Marines had served in France and more than a third were killed or wounded in six months of intense fighting.

During the two decades before World War II, the Marine Corps began to develop in earnest the doctrine, equipment, and organization needed for amphibious warfare. The success of this effort was proven first on Guadalcanal, then on Bougainville, Tarawa, New Britain, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Peleliu, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. By the end of the war in 1945, the Marine Corps had grown to include six divisions, five air wings, and supporting troops. Its strength in World War II peaked at 485,113. The war cost the Marines nearly 87,000 dead and wounded, and 82 Marines had earned the Medal of Honor.

While Marine units took part in the post-war occupation of Japan and North China, studies were undertaken at Quantico, Va., which concentrated on attaining a “vertical envelopment” capability for the Corps through the use of helicopters. Landing at Inchon, Korea, in September 1950, Marines proved that the doctrine of amphibious assault was still viable and necessary. After the recapture of Seoul, the Marines advanced to the Chosin Reservoir only to see the Chinese Communists enter the war. After years of offensives, counter-offensives, seemingly endless trench warfare, and occupation duty, the last Marine ground troops were withdrawn in March 1955. More than 25,000 Marines were killed or wounded during the Korean War.

In July 1958, a brigade-size force landed in Lebanon to restore order. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962, a large amphibious force was marshaled but not landed. In April 1965, a brigade of Marines landed in the Dominican Republic to protect Americans and evacuate those who wished to leave.

The landing of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Da Nang in 1965 marked the beginning of large-scale Marine involvement in Vietnam. By summer 1968, after the enemy’s

Tet Offensive, Marine Corps strength in Vietnam rose to a peak of approximately 85,000. The Marine withdrawal began in 1969 as the South Vietnamese began to assume a larger role in the fighting; the last ground forces were out of Vietnam by June 1971. Vietnam, the longest war in the history of the Marine Corps, exacted a high cost as well, with more than 13,000 Marines killed and more than 88,000 wounded. In the spring of 1975, Marines evacuated embassy staffs, American citizens, and refugees in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Saigon, Republic of Vietnam. Later, in May 1975, Marines played an integral role in the rescue of the crew of the SS Mayaguez captured off the coast of Cambodia.

The mid-1970s saw the Marine Corps assume an increasingly significant role in defending NATO’s northern flank as amphibious units of the 2nd Marine Division participated in exercises throughout northern Europe. The Marine Corps also played a key role in the development of the Rapid Deployment Force, a multi-service organization created to ensure a flexible, timely military response around the world when needed. The Maritime Prepositioning Ships concept was developed to enhance this capability by pre-staging equipment needed for combat in the vicinity of the designated area of operations, and reduce response time as Marines travel by air to link up with MPS assets.

The 1980s brought an increasing number of terrorist attacks on U.S. embassies around the world. Marine Security Guards, under the direction of the State Department, continued to serve with distinction in the face of this challenge. In August 1982, Marine units landed at Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the multi-national peacekeeping force. For the next 19 months, these units faced the hazards of their mission with courage and professionalism. In October 1983, Marines took part in the highly successful, short-notice intervention in Grenada. As the decade of the 1980s came to a close, Marines were summoned to respond to instability in Central America. Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama in December 1989 to protect American lives and restore the democratic process in that nation.

Less than a year later, in August 1990, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait set in motion events that would lead to the largest movement of Marine Corps forces since World War II. Between August 1990, and January 1991, some 24 infantry battalions, 40 squadrons, and more than 92,000 Marines deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield. Operation Desert Storm was launched Jan. 16, 1991, the day the air campaign began. The main attack came overland beginning Feb. 24 when the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breached the Iraqi defense lines and stormed into occupied Kuwait. By the morning of Feb. 28, 100 hours after the ground war began, almost the entire Iraqi Army in the Kuwaiti theater of operations had been encircled with 4,000 tanks destroyed and 42 divisions destroyed or rendered ineffective.

Overshadowed by the events in the Persian Gulf during 1990 and 1991 were a number of other significant Marine deployments demonstrating the Corps’ flexible and rapid response. Included among these were non-combatant evacuation operations in Liberia and Somalia and humanitarian lifesaving operations in Bangladesh, the Philippines, and northern Iraq. In December 1992, Marines landed in Somalia marking the beginning of a two-year humanitarian relief operation in that famine-stricken and strife-torn nation. In another part of the world, Marine Corps aircraft supported Operation Deny Flight in the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. During April 1994, Marines once again demonstrated their ability to protect American citizens in remote parts of the world when a Marine task force evacuated U.S. citizens from Rwanda in response to civil unrest in that country. Closer to home, Marines went ashore in September 1994, in Haiti as part of the U.S. force participating in the restoration of democracy in that country. During this same period, Marines were actively engaged in providing assistance to the nation’s counter-drug effort, assisting in battling wildfires in the western United States, and aiding in flood and hurricane relief operations.

During the late 1990s, Marine Corps units deployed to several African nations, including Liberia, the Central African Republic, Zaire, and Eritrea, in order to provide security and assist in the evacuation of American citizens, during periods of political and civil instability in those nations. Marines also conducted humanitarian and disaster relief operations during 1998 in Kenya and in the Central American nations of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. In 1999, Marine units deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force. Soon after the September 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., Marine units deployed to the Arabian Sea and in November set up a forward operating base in southern Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Proof

Undersized, much-doubted new Marine emerges as Company K’s top graduate

BY SGT. LEN LANGSTON
Chevron staff

Pfc. Phillip K. O’Neal has grown up taking on challenges and proving to himself and others he can reach his goals.

His friends thought he should have gone the easier route in the military,

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according to O’Neal.

“My friends asked, ‘Why the Marines?’” O’Neal said. “Why not something easier like the Air Force?”

O’Neal said anyone can go the easy route.

Determined to be the best, O’Neal proved his tenacity to himself and others at an early age. Since he was in fourth grade, coaches and friends said O’Neal was too small for football.

“I was always told I was too small,” said the Atascadero, Calif., native. His goal was to prove everyone wrong.

He proved his critics wrong by playing linebacker during his high school years and he earned a few Most Valuable Player awards along the way.

Continuing to show he was capable of anything, the 5-foot-10-inch slender O’Neal decided to test himself by joining the Marine Corps.

“The Marines looked the hardest and I wanted a challenge,” O’Neal said.

Determined and focused on his decision to join the Marine Corps, O’Neal prepared himself physically.

“I ran to school in the mornings, worked out after school and ran back home every day,” said O’Neal.

O’Neal established himself early in recruit training by showing he was capable of taking charge and was chosen as the

guide

“He knew what he wanted, he proved himself and he’s been a strong leader,” said squad leader Pfc. Joseph C. Clements, Platoon 3019. “He’s showed me to focus on self discipline.”

O’Neal kept his position through the first phase of training until his competitive spirit got in the way of his drill instructors guidance on the obstacle course.

The setback that resulted in a demotion to squad leader didn’t drag O’Neal down, according to drill instructor Sgt. Hector M. Flores, Platoon 3019.

“From that point on he strived and kept pushing to regain his position as guide,” said Flores.

O’Neal admits he’s had a bit of a problem with authority, and said that was one of the reasons for joining.

Living in a dreary town pushing carts for a grocery store triggered feelings of going nowhere, according to O’Neal.

“If it weren’t for the Marine Corps, I would have ended up in jail,” said O’Neal. “I was disrespectful to authority figures. I didn’t see it that way then, but now I do.”

“He’s come a long way,” said senior drill instructor Staff Sgt. Maxwell J. Williams, Platoon 3019. “He’s locked on with a lot of discipline and bearing.”

Gaining the platoon’s respect was evident after the drill instructors decided to have the platoon help choose a guide.

“The majority of the recruits voted for O’Neal to stay as guide,” said Williams.

“I saw a kid that I felt had a similar background to myself. He came here to make a difference,” said Flores.

“I set the example for the rest,” said O’Neal. “I always wanted to prove everyone wrong. I can do anything.”



Pfc. Phillip K. O’Neal, Company K’s honorman, proved to himself and others he was capable of conquering the challenge of Marine Corps recruit training. *Sgt. Len Langston/Chevron*

Brothers unite in quest for challenge

BY SGT. ROB HENDERSON
RS Ft. Worth, Texas

Transformation and challenge are common themes in recruiting. Ask any Marine Corps poolee why he or she joined the Marine Corps, and you’ll likely hear something about changing a lifestyle or seeking a test in a world where little challenges America’s youth.

For Robert A. Garrison Jr., and his brother Michael, as well as Steven and Philip Jessamine, the challenge will be the transformation, but both sets of brothers have accepted the challenge as a family affair.

“I wanted to do something to get out of my dead-end life,” said Robert, a 24-year-old native of Flower Mound, Texas “Michael and I have been talking about the Marine Corps for a while, and when I told him I was going to join, he said he would join too.”

Both the Garrisons and the Jessamines are taking advantage of the Marine Corps’ “buddy program,” which allows them to attend recruit training together with the promise of being in the same platoon.

“I expect boot camp will be hard,” said Phillip, a 19-year-old construction worker from Irving, Texas.

“Having (Steven) there with me will make it a little easier, because when it gets tough, he can give me moral support.”

According to the Military Personnel Procurement Manual, Chapter 2, Section 3, the buddy program guarantee “is limited to the same recruit training platoon only. No assurance will be given about assignment to the same squad or similar unit or duty station after completion of recruit training.”

The Garrison brothers are looking forward to any added challenges recruit training might hold because they are going as brothers.

“I know having my brother there might make me a target for the drill instructors,” said Michael, 22 years old. “I’m counting on it, because I know I can take whatever they dish out. Ultimately, it will only make me, and us as brothers, stronger.”

For Steven Jessamine, the Corps will bring a chance to start a new, better life, and he’s proud to start this path with his brother.

“I haven’t done a lot in my life I’m proud of,” said the 19-year-old future Marine, “but becoming a Marine with my brother will erase all that.”



Phillip N. Jessamine, right, and his brother, Steven L. Jessamine, listen to instructions at a run during a poolee function October 23. *Sgt. Rob Henderson/RS Ft. Worth, Texas*

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Atascadero, Calif.
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Staff Sgt. N. K. Johnston



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SERIES HONORMAN
Pfc. N. A. Rector
Nacagdoches, Texas
Recruited by
Sgt. L. Hulse



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PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. T. P. Bacerra
Freemont, Calif.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. E. Knight



Platoon 3018
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. Z. A. Frye
Big Cabin, Okla.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. T. C. Plunk



Platoon 3021
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. M. A. Vainisi
Garden Homes, Ill.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. Boden



Platoon 3022
PLATOON HONORMAN
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Ukiah, Calif.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. D. Bertain



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Atascadero, Calif.
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Platoon 3022
HIGH SHOOTER
Pfc. T. M. Anderson
Belvidere, Ill.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. H. Landrum



Privates Gordon DeLarosa and Victor Garrett from Platoon 3017, Company K, hang on the pull-up bars before their next excreise on the 2.5 strength and endurance course. Pfc. Dorian M. Gardner/Chevron

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Pvt. B. T. Vogel

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Staff Sgt. W. W. Hunt
Drill Instructors
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Staff Sgt. O. Pineda
Sgt. J. Huette
Sgt. R. R. White

Pfc. W. R. Akeo
Pvt. J. W. Armstrong
Pvt. T. P. Arntson
Pvt. J. C. Avelar
Pvt. M. J. Bannack
Pvt. J. T. Barrows
Pvt. D. G. Bell
Pvt. B. L. Bowen
Pvt. M. W. Curtis
Pvt. T. D. Faught
Pfc. J. J. Marks
Pfc. R. E. Miller
*Pfc. J. D. Molina
Pvt. K. B. Moore
Pvt. W. J. Morrissey
Pvt. C. L. Murdoch
Pfc. D. C. Nation
Pfc. C. L. Neufeld
Pvt. D. R. Nosek
Pvt. C. Ochoa
Pvt. B. C. Parks
Pvt. R. L. Patterson
Pvt. A. C. Perry
*Pfc. C. M. Poston
Pfc. A. M. Ramirez
Pfc. J. Ramirez
Pvt. D. R. Refsland
Pvt. K. A. Rich
Pvt. Z. M. Robbins
Pvt. S. L. Rodriguez
Pvt. J. L. Sageroaguirre
*Pfc. M. A. Sanders
Pvt. J. C. Schwerm
Pvt. M. L. Scott
Pvt. B. J. Scripsick
Pvt. F. H. Salinas
Pvt. J. R. Salomon
Pvt. J. S. Seavey
Pvt. T. A. Shenly
Pfc. M. E. Shimon
Pvt. G. A. Snelson
Pvt. M. C. Spiess
Pvt. B. T. Stack
Pvt. N. S. Stefanovic
Pvt. D. A. Pitocco
Pvt. F. M. Poncherherbozo
Pvt. B. L. Porterfield
Pvt. M. S. Powderill
Pvt. M. A. Pruitt

Pvt. D. L. Thompson
Pvt. J. R. Thompson
Pfc. D. A. Tillman
Pvt. J. S. Townsend
Pvt. B. K. Turner
Pvt. M. A. Vainisi
Pvt. I. O. Valencia
Pvt. M. P. Vanier
Pfc. M. Vazquez
*Pfc. R. F. Viehdorfer
Pvt. Z. Z. Webber
Pvt. M. T. Weber
Pvt. D. L. Wilkins
Pvt. C. K. Williams
Pvt. C. L. Williams
*Pfc. D. D. Williams
Pvt. J. D. Williamson
Pvt. N. D. Wisner
Pvt. K. A. Wohlgemuth
Pvt. K. E. Wolter
Pfc. K. T. Wood
*Pfc. S. A. Zaratecortina
Pvt. Sacromone

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Staff Sgt. W. F. Layton
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Sgt. T. M. Coyer
Sgt. M. V. Leon
Sgt. B. L. Kriner
Sgt. R. L. Escamilla

Pvt. S. D. Alley
Pfc. I. Altamirano
*Pfc. T. M. Anderson
Pvt. A. A. Andrade
Pvt. M. D. Arevalo
Pvt. A. M. Austin
Pvt. H. Ayala
Pvt. J. W. Baber
Pvt. C. L. Brands
Pvt. J. G. Bredsten
*Pfc. A. K. Brown
Pfc. T. G. Brown
Pvt. C. R. Butts
Pvt. M. R. Casiano
Pvt. C. A. Chambers
Pvt. J. L. Cobb
*Pfc. D. L. Deaver
Pvt. T. T. Delarosa Jr.
Pvt. R. J. Demster
Pfc. G. Dominguez
Pvt. R. Dominguez Jr.
Pvt. J. D. Fletcher
Pvt. M. J. Fuiks
Pvt. S. Z. Gabriel
Pfc. E. A. Garris
Pvt. P. G. Gebert
Pvt. L. B. Gica
*Pfc. T. B. Green
Pfc. C. R. Guerrero
Pvt. J. M. Hall
Pvt. J. L. Harmon
Pvt. J. A. Hauser
Pvt. M. D. Hemphill
Pfc. R. E. Herrera
Pfc. T. T. Hileman
Pvt. L. H. Holter
Pfc. A. L. Horn
Pvt. N. D. Jackson
Pvt. D. Kiser
Pvt. K. E. Knop
Pfc. I. R. Kobes
Pfc. J. J. Lent
Pvt. P. W. Lindahl
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Pvt. R. Medina
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Pvt. C. R. Pesse
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Joe Morris Sr.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Joe Morris Sr. is a full-blooded Navajo Indian, born April 19, 1926, and raised on the Navajo reservation at Indian Wells, Ariz. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Upon graduation from boot camp, Morris was assigned to the Navajo Communication School to learn the skills necessary to encrypt and decipher messages in the Navajo code. He was assigned as a Navajo code talker during World War II with the 22nd Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Division. He served in Guadalcanal, Guam, Saipan, Okinawa and Tsingtao, China. The Na-

vajo code was never broken by the Japanese forces and contributed greatly to the success of numerous Marine Corps victories in the Pacific. Unrecognized because of the code's confidentiality, the code talkers finally received recognition and honors Sept. 17, 1992.

Morris' awards include the Combat Ribbon for the Asiatic Pacific theatre and the China Occupation Medal, as well as a California Senate certificate of recognition, a certificate of appreciation from president Ronald Reagan, and the Congressional Silver Medal for his service to his country as a Navajo code talker.

Morris resides in Daggett, Calif., with his wife Charlotte. They have three children: Joe Morris Jr., Colleen and Elliott. They also have three grandchildren.



Clifford Lachappa

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Lachappa has been a member of the



Pvt. Victor Garrett pumps out push-ups during the final exercise of a strength and endurance course. Pfc. Dorian M. Gardner/Chevron

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Pfc. J. R. Sanchez
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Pvt. J. M. Van Sickle
Pvt. P. J. Vega
Pvt. L. A. Velasquez
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Pfc. J. R. Wales
Pvt. R. J. Warner
Pvt. A. H. Waupoose
Pvt. T. B. Waupoose

Pfc. J. M. Webb
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Pvt. L. J. Weber
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Pvt. T. W. Winegar
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Pfc. L. Yang
Pvt. T. J. Yoder
Pvt. C. O. Zephier

*meritorious promotion

COMPANY CURIOSITIES

Here's how men from Kilo Company answered Chevron's random questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Q: What's the best MRE?



Pvt. Matthew M. Vetter
Gervais, Ore.

A: Jumbalaya. It reminds me of dinner at my friend's house.

Q: What were the hardest civilian habits to break?



Pvt. Huang Chuntian
St. Paul, Minn.

A: Not being able to talk, laugh or sleep as much.

Q: Why did you join the Marines?



Pvt. Lafayette M. Wright
Lockhart, Texas

A: My father was a colonel in the Marines, and I want to follow in his footsteps.

Q: What was your worst civilian job?



Pvt. Daniel Kiser
Pasadena, Texas

A: Working at a fast-food restaurant.

Q: What did you miss most from civilian life?



Pvt. Leslie C. Webb
Poplar Bluff, Mo.

A: Playstation 2.

1ST BN. BOWLED OVER

Team Finance dominates bowling tournament



Cpl. Kyle J. Ochoa releases the ball and waits to see how many pins he knocks down during the second game. Pfc. Dorian M. Gardner/Chevron photos

BY PFC. DORIAN M. GARDNER
Chevron staff



The Commanding General's Cup bowling league is near its end with one week of competition left to decide the champions.

With 12 different teams competing to take home the first place trophy, Team Finance and 1st Recruit Training Battalion brought their A-games.

Team Finance's Lance Cpl. Sean M. Bzdon bowled his first 200-plus game, and he had nothing but confidence.

"We are definitely going to win this one," said Bzdon. "We had nothing but practice this weekend so we are definitely ready."

Bzdon wasn't the only one who felt that way. "We started this tournament rocky because we didn't really have a team but since then we have been sweeping every body," said 1st Bn.'s Staff Sgt. Carlos Perez, 1st Bn. routing chief. "We're just trying to sweep them the rest of the way."

With that said, the games began. Team Finance took the first game without concern, beating 1st Bn. by more than 90 pins.

Team Finance ended up sweeping the sweep-

ers, winning all three games in the match against 1st Bn.

"It was a win past due," said Sgt. Eduardo H. Nuno, finance chief. "We walked in there winners. All we had to do was come out winners."

With one more week of competition, the top contenders are doing what they can to hold on to their positions.

The next CG's cup event is the three-mile Turkey Trot run. For more information on the CG's Cup events, call Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524-0548, or e-mail her at rachel.dickinson@usmc-mccs.org.



Staff Sgt. Carlos Perez, 1st Bn., bowls a strike against Team Finance, trying to regain the lead of the second game during the CG's Cup bowling tournament.